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Weekly Global Economic Report

MARKET INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Trade and economic updates

International

Potential new US tariffs: new derivative products proposed for US Section 232 steel, aluminium, and copper tariffs

The US Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security has issued a request for public comments on a proposal to extend the US's existing Section 232 tariffs to a further set of 14 steel, aluminium, and copper derivative articles. The list includes parts of welding machines and apparatus, parts of certain hydraulic engines and motors and certain types of trailers. The average value of US imports from New Zealand of these products for the 3 years ending June 2026 was less than NZ\$ 200,000. The notice, [published in the US Federal Register](#) on 6 August, provides interested parties 21 days (i.e. by 27 August 2026) to comment on the proposed list.

APEC's new Best Practice Guidelines on Non-Tariff Measures

New Zealand led the development of [APEC's new Best Practice Guidelines on Non-Tariff Measures](#), which provide policymakers with a practical framework to design regulations that meet policy objectives while reducing unintended trade barriers. The initiative supports greater transparency, predictability, and alignment across APEC economies, helping strengthen regional trade integration.

Upcoming Events and Webinars

Middle East Export Success

New Zealand Government support for your export journey
Tuesday 18 August 2026, 4–5 pm

Exporting isn't for the faint of heart – navigating rules of origin, different tariff rates, standards, non-tariff barriers and free trade agreements, it can be hard to know where to get the help you need. The New Zealand Middle East Business Council (NZMEBC) is hosting a quick-fire panel of the key New Zealand Government agencies and departments that work to support your export journey. Join the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment, New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, New Zealand Customs, the Ministry of Primary Industries, Te Puni Kōkiri, New Zealand Story, the Export Credit Office and Capital Solutions as they share the key ways they can boost your exports into Middle East markets.

[Register here](#)

External links

The following links may provide useful information to businesses:

- [NZTE's website](#) and [myNZTE](#) provide a range of insights and tools available to support New Zealand exporters.
- The Treasury releases a [weekly economic update](#) every Friday. Stats NZ has published a [data portal](#) with near real-time economic indicators.
- MBIE publishes a [sector reports series](#) which provides regularly updated reports on all industry sectors that make up the New Zealand economy. These include official economic data and the challenges and opportunities that face New Zealand's industry sectors.
- [Business.govt.nz](#) provides tools and advice from across government to save small businesses' time and help make the business a success.
- MFAT has created a [tariff finder](#) which is designed to help goods exporters and importers maximise benefits from New Zealand's Free Trade Agreements and compare tariffs in 136 other markets.
- The all of government [Trade Barriers](#) website can be used to register any trade barriers experienced or issues exporting to an offshore market. Queries can be sent via the website or through the MFAT Exporter Helpline 0800 824 605. Enquiries will be sent to the government agency best placed to answer.
- Tatauranga Aotearoa Stats NZ provides official data on the value of New Zealand's exports and imports of both goods and services, by commodity type via the [New Zealand Trade Dashboard](#). This interactive dashboard is updated every quarter and allows for filtering by country and by commodity type.

More info

More reports

View full list of market reports from MFAT at www.mfat.govt.nz/market-reports

If you would like to request a topic for reporting please email [_exports@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:exports@mfat.govt.nz)

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To learn more about exporting to this market, New Zealand Trade & Enterprise's comprehensive [market guides](#) cover export regulations, business culture, market-entry strategies and more.

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